

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 were pending. After entry of the above amendment, Claims 1-18 will be pending.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being unpatentable over Journal of the American Chemical Society (1946), 68, p. 1039-1049. The Examiner contends, inter alia, that the reference teaches compound, for instance, RN=860522-91-4.

Applicants traverse the rejection and request withdrawal of the same.

Claim 1 has been amended to remove the recitation of "halo" as a possible substituent for R⁴, thereby rendering the claim free of prior art.

CONCLUSION

This amendment addresses the issues raised in the Official action and places the claims in condition for allowance. Further, this amendment is made without prejudice to Applicants pursuing unclaimed subject matter in a continuing or divisional application. Entry of the proposed amendment and allowance of Claims 1-18 is respectfully requested.

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